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Greetings to the Goetz Community,

As we enter the month of March, we begin the sacred season of Lent, starting with Shrove Tuesday this week. On Tuesday, all students and staff are invited to join us for a special celebration with pancakes, part of our Breakfast Club Initiative. These pancakes will be lovingly prepared by our Chaplaincy Campus Students and Catholic Leadership Students, who have graciously volunteered to serve the community as we prepare for the season of Lent.

Lent invites us to turn inward and deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time for both personal and collective growth in faith, and we are blessed to have many opportunities as a school community to reflect, grow, and support one another during this holy season. We look forward to walking this journey of faith together, nurturing our hearts and minds as we grow closer to Christ.

This month has been full of exciting accomplishments and events. A heartfelt congratulations to our Goetz Concert Band for their outstanding performance at the Golden Horseshoe Festival! We are also extremely proud of our students who competed in the Skills 2025 competition and earned well-deserved placements. Our senior boys basketball team had an impressive season, making it to the quarter-finals—way to go, Gators! Additionally, our Senior Girls Volleyball Team will be competing in a final competition tomorrow, and we wish them the very best of luck!

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to host our annual World Cup Soccer Game on March 20th. Students will have the chance to buy-in and cheer for our Gators during period 4, and we invite everyone to join us in celebrating this exciting event.

March also brings an important occasion for the women of our world. On March 6th, six of our talented female students will represent Father Michael Goetz at the International Women's Day Conference, celebrating the incredible achievements of women across social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. We are so proud of their leadership and participation in this global celebration.

As we approach March Break, we extend our best wishes to all students and families for a restful and rejuvenating time away. We hope this break offers an opportunity for reflection, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones, especially for those preparing to enter the holy month of Ramadan. For our Muslim students and families, as you enter this time of fasting and prayer, know that our prayers are with you. May this season be a time of spiritual growth, peace, and blessings for you and your families.

We are also excited about the special initiatives we have planned for after the break. Our Advantage Program students will lead the school in Rock Your Socks Day on March 21st, raising awareness for World Down Syndrome Day. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate inclusion, love, and support for all individuals.

Earlier this month, we were also inspired by the success of Pink Shirt Day, as our community came together to stand against bullying and promote kindness. Building on that spirit, we are proud to

launch the I in Kind campaign, which we will continue throughout the Lenten season. This campaign encourages acts of kindness, fostering a compassionate and supportive environment within our school.

Later on March 21st, our Eco Team will raise awareness for Earth Hour, promoting the importance of reducing single-use plastic bottles through our Great Gulp Campaign. We encourage everyone to participate in these meaningful initiatives as we continue to strive to be responsible stewards of God's creation.

In preparation for the end of the month, we want to remind families that Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on March 26th, with further details and online sign-ups to come via email. Teachers will also be reaching out to communicate academic progress with students and parents by the end of March.

Lastly, mid-term report cards will be issued in mid-April, and we will provide more information on that in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an essential part of the Goetz community. As we move through this Lenten season and into the spring, let us remain focused on our faith, our school, and our shared mission to nurture the potential in each of our students.- **God bless you and your families!** - Ms. Allegretto



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

DEVOTION OF THE MONTH OF MARCH TO SAINT JOSEPH (Psalm 91)

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."



TUESDAY MARCH 4TH SHROVE TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 10TH - MARCH 14TH MARCH BREAK

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH WORLD CUP SOCCER - BUY IN

FRIDAY MARCH 21ST **ROCK YOUR SOCKS EVENT EARTH HOUR GREAT GULP**

MONDAY MARCH 24TH RAMADAN IFTAR @6PM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

MONDAY MARCH 31ST OSSLT PRACTICE TESTS BEGIN

























